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[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II

THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" His Excellency the Governor of Madras with the consent of His Excellency the Governor-General, has returned the Madras University (Amendment) Bill for further consideration by the Legislative Council with the recommendation that the Council shall consider the following amendments :—

AMENDMENTS

Clause 2.

Sub-clause (ii).

Omit item (ee) and *re-letter* item (eee) as (ee).

(ii) *Clause* 15.

Class III—Other members.

Sub-clause (4).

(*a*) After the words " second-grade colleges " *insert* the words " affiliated to the University " ; and

(*b*) *Omit* the words " and situated within the jurisdiction of the University " occurring at the end.

(iii) *Clause* 22—*Class II—Other members.*

Sub-clause (5).

Omit the words " and situated within the jurisdiction of the University " occurring at the end.

The amendments are explained in the memorandum below :—

Memorandum.

" The form of the definition of ' Jurisdiction of the University ' in clause 2 (ii) (ee) of the amending Bill is not in order in that it refers to the Indian Universities Act, 1904, and the notification thereunder. That enactment by virtue of the preamble and section 2 (1) thereof forms part of the Madras University Act—Act XXVII of 1857—which was completely repealed by the Madras University Act, 1923. The Act of 1904 should *ipso facto* be deemed to have been repealed in so far as it applied to the Madras University. It follows that neither the Act of 1904 nor any notification issued thereunder can be made use of for the purpose of the definition in question.

" It is further observed that under section 16 (9) of the Madras University Act, 1923, and clause 4 (9) of the amending measure the operations of the Madras University are not limited to colleges situated within the Presidency of Madras. The present legislation is not territorial but is one relating to the creation of an educational corporation which, though established within the territorial jurisdiction of the local legislature, can operate outside that jurisdiction. The University continues to discharge its obligations in respect of colleges outside the Presidency which are already affiliated to it and has power to affiliate new colleges in such areas.

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" The retention of the expression 'situated within the jurisdiction of the University' occurring in two places in the amending Bill, namely, *clause* 15 —Class III—Other members—Sub-clause (4) and *clause* 22—Class II—Other members—Sub-clause (5), is thus incompatible with the view set out above. It is accordingly proposed to delete it in both the places. The definition of jurisdiction of the University in clause 2 (ii) thus becomes unnecessary and will be omitted.

"The words 'affiliated to the University' will be inserted after the words 'second-grade colleges" in sub-clause (4) of clause 15—Class III—Other members—to secure greater precision."

III

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Regarding the election of six Members to the House Committee, I have to announce to the House that the following candidates have been duly nominated for election to the Committee :—

1. Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
2. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur.
3. Mr. F. E. James.
4. ,, C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
5. ,, C. Venkatarangam Nayudu.
6. ,, A. V. Bhanoji Rao.

As the number of candidates for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare the abovementioned members to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote.

"Under Standing Order 80, I have nominated Mr. P. T. Rajan and Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandian to be Members of the Committee."

IV

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the following candidates have been duly nominated for election to the Finance Committee :—

1. Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi.
2. Mr. R. Nagan Gowda.
3. ,, Basheer Ahmed Sayeed.

As the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, viz., one, there will be an election by means of the single transferable vote. I appoint to-morrow between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. as the time for the election."

V

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ABKARI ACT, 1886.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, I have received a communication from Government that one of the clauses of my Bill to amend the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, requires sanction of the Government of India. I do not therefore make the motion that the Bill be passed into law. I propose making that motion at another sitting."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.